



Overview

LifeStream, Inc. was founded in 1976 by a group of concerned parents seeking better care for their adult children with developmental disabilities.

LifeStream has grown to become one of the premier non-profit human service organizations in southeastern Massachusetts. Despite our growth, we are still committed to the early vision of those parents who fought so hard to enrich the lives of their children.

Our core services include:

- Community residences for those needing 24-hour supervision and a greater degree of support
- Residential options for individuals who cannot safely live alone and want the comfort of a home environment
- Services for those living on their own but requiring individualized support to maintain their independence
- Day Support services providing therapeutic, educational and employment supports for adults with disabilities
- Autism services for children and adults
- Services for those with Acquired Brain Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury
- Clinical Services, including medical, psychological, physical, occupational and speech therapy
- Employment & Training programs to assist economically disadvantaged people find and maintain career employment

Mission Statement

LifeStream, Inc. provides community-based services throughout Southeastern Massachusetts that promote personal dignity, independence, and the removal of barriers through the provision of individualized support and education.

Guiding Principles

Those we serve have access to quality resources and opportunities to develop their potential and achieve their dreams. Therefore, we actively oppose prejudice and intolerance, celebrating the value in all people regardless of their abilities, appearance or beliefs. LifeStream strives to contribute to each neighborhood where we reside. Furthermore, we work diligently to be a fair, thoughtful and supportive employer. Also, LifeStream maximizes public and private resources, maintaining its commitment to quality services.

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Day Support Services



Day Habilitation

LifeStream's three habilitation centers offer support services for adults with disabilities and are located as follows:

- Welby Road, New Bedford
- Beacon Street, New Bedford
- Mill Road, Acushnet

Each of our centers provides individualized medical, therapeutic, and developmental training services to meet the often-challenging needs of people requiring assistance and support. Our goal is to maintain and enhance personal health as well as foster the greatest possible degree of personal independence.

Referrals to LifeStream's Day Habilitation Centers are generally made by the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS).



Supported Employment

The Supported Employment program bolsters the lives of our adults with disabilities by helping them train for and secure meaningful jobs at businesses in the community. The program offers vocational assessment, job readiness, and work skills training. Other program benefits include:

- Matching each individual to a position based on skills and interests
- One-on-one coaching and on-site support as needed
- An established work schedule from as little as one to 40+ hours per week
- Assistance with resumes, preparing for interviews and researching job openings

Participants such as Sarah are a great example of the positive impact that supported employment has on the individuals. Sarah is employed as a crew member at Wendy's and has loved making friends and learning new skills. Importantly, she is proud of the paycheck she brings home every week.

More than 20 persons are currently enjoying employment with local businesses such as Anytime

Fitness, Ashley Ford, Better Community Living, Fairhaven Lumber, and Olive Garden. Several other individuals in the program are employed by LifeStream and work internally.

Supported Employment is funded by DDS. Local companies that hire supported employment candidates often receive substantial federal tax credits.

Clinical Services

LifeStream's Clinical Services provides numerous professional resources to optimize the health and well-being of our clients. Our scope of care includes medical, psychological, as well as physical, occupational and speech therapy services. Our in-house staff includes a licensed clinical psychologist, board certified behavior analyst and Master's level psychologist. Our services extend from overseeing counseling and psychiatric care to developing behavioral treatment plans.

Each department within LifeStream benefits from having a full-time Registered Nurse who oversees all nursing services. We have teams of Licensed Practical Nurses who work in conjunction with Certified Nursing Aides to provide professional, hands-on care.

Learn More

For additional information on our Day Support programs and services, please contact Joan Thompson, Director of Day Support Services, at jthompson@lifestreaminc.com. To learn more about LifeStream, visit our website at www.lifestreaminc.com.

